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SUBJECT: MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF UN CONFERENCE ON

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (UNCSTD)

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1. AFTER FAILING TO GET NEEDED INFORMATION FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON JAN 19 EMBOFF CONTACTED ASSISTANT MINISTER OF EDUCATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY J.H. DEYIOR WILSON REGARDING SUBJECT MEETING. WILSON HAD ATTENDED ARUSHA CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN DECEMBER 1977 AT THE INVITATION OF SECGEN UNCSTD DA COSTA. ON DECEMBER 30, IN RESPONSE TO A TELEGRAM FROM DA COSTA REGARDING SUBJECT MEETING, WILSON HAD WRITTEN A MEMORANDUM TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION HOFF URGING THAT A FIVE-MAN GOL DELEGATION HEADED BY DR. J. N. KOLLEH, PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIST IN VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING. WILSON DESCOVERED DURING EMBOFF'S CALL THAT MINISTER HOFF HAD FAILED TO FORWARD MEMORANDUM WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION TO THE EXECUTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANSION FOR PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S APPROVAL. WILSON SAID IT WAS TOO LATE NOW FOR GOL TO SEND A DELEGATION TO GENEVA.

2. WILSON THOUGHT THAT MAY 1, 1978, DEADLINE FOR NATIONAL PAPER SHOULD BE EXTENDED. HE MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED IN JULY 1977 AID'S OFFER TO ASSIST GOL IN WRITING NATIONAL PAPER, BUT TO DATE NO WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED

FROM WASHINGTON.

3. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION THE FIVE SUBJECT AREAS FOR AGENDA ON 1979 CONFERENCE, EMBOFF WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT GOL WOULD GO ALONG WITH ANY AGREEMENT REACHED AT ARUSHA MEETING ON THIS MATTER.

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